Bolinger (Bolander) Family

Susan Hudspeth
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August 24, 1996

A copy of the Noah Bolander/Delitha Surber marriage is enclosed. I am also sending research reports listing the sources I checked for David Surber and Louis Martin.

As you can see, I found very few references to the name Surber and none to David Surber. I wonder if he was from another county as he and Delitha/Tillitha were not married here. The Indiana State Library, 140 N. Senate Ave., Indianapolis IN 46204, has a statewide index to Indiana marriages prior to 1850. Perhaps they could locate David's and Delitha's marriage for you.

I did find some information on Louis Martin. The search was complicated by the fact that there was a much younger Lewis B. Martin living here at the same time. However, I did find your Louis/Lewis listed in the censuses. He was age 68 in 1870, and I expected to find him in one of our cemetery books but was unsuccessful. It's possible that he was buried in a cemetery for which we don't have records, and I am sending a list of those. It's also possible he didn't have a stone or that his stone was unreadable when the cemeteries were copied. Could he have followed his daughter to Missouri?

There is a genealogical query column in the local newspaper, and you might be able to get in touch with other Martin researchers through it. The address is: Genealogy, Terre Haute Tribune-Star, P.O. Box 149, Terre Haute IN 47808.

If you would like copies of any of the items on the research report, our charge is 15¢ per page, plus postage.

Nancy Sherrill
Genealogy Librarian

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The item(s) circled below indicate the record(s) searched for the surnames of: Martin; Louis + Margaret, Tillitha m. Surber + Bolander in response to your request of 8-8-96.

1. Miscellaneous Card File:
Did not find _____ Found _____

(2.) Surname File:
Did not find _____ Found Joh Martin Family - only Lewis was b. in 1890s + Martin Family File - Large file but no mention of Lewis Martin

(3.) Vigo County, Indiana, Index of Names of Persons and of Firms (in the county histories)
Did not find _____ Found Martin, Lewis B. - Bradsby p 852 + 853; Markle vol 2 p 66; Clark p 431; Martin, L.B. - Beckwith p 146; Bradsby p 271; Markle vol 2 p 10 - Biog. sketch of Lewis B. says he was b. 1841 in Delaware

4. Vigo County, Indiana, Marriage Licenses from 1818 to 1850:
Did not find _____ Found _____

5. W.P.A. Index to Marriage Record, Vigo County, 1840-1920:
Did not find _____ Found _____

(6.) W.P.A. Index to Death Record, Vigo County, 1882-1920:
Did not find Lewis + Margaret Found Martin, Lewis Brown - age 60 - d. 18 April 1902 BK H 39 p 16

(7.) Cemetery Records of Vigo County, Including All Born Prior to 1830 That Lived to Maturity:
Did not find Lewis/Louis Found Other Martins

(8.) Cemeteries, Vigo County, Indiana (4 vols.):
Did not find Lewis/Louis Found Many, many Martins but not Louis + Margaret

(9.) Woodlawn Cemetery, Terre Haute, Vigo County IN, Index of Burials Vol. 1 1839-1899 vol. 2 1900-March 1983:
Did not find Lewis, Louis Found Many other Martins

(10.) Census Index for the year 1840-:
Did not find _____ Found 1850 - Martin, Louis - Vigo Co p 160
1840, Martin, Lewis - Vigo Co p 813
1860 - Martin, Lewis - Vigo Co p 834
1870 - Martin, Lewis - Vigo Co p 340

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Other: (also check other side)

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#10 Riley Twp. Vigo Co. Ind p 160 - 9 Nov 1850

#183/187 Louis Martin - 50 - Farmer - NC
Margaret " 43 VA
John " 14 Ind
James " 12 "
#184/188 Teliffa Surber 19 Ky
Margaret " 2 Ind
David " 3/12 "
John " 23 Laborer Ky
Lucinda Martin 21 "

Riley Twp. Vigo Co. Ind p 834 - 25 Sept 1860

#1296/1217 Lewis Martin - 58 - Farmer - SC
Margaret " 53 SC
Margaret Surber 11 Ind
David " 10 "

Riley Twp. Vigo Co. Ind p 340 - 17 July 1870

#202/104 Martin, Lewis - 68 - Farmer - SC
" Margaret 63 Keeping House - E. Tennessee

#203/105 Martin, John W - 36 - Teamster - Ind
" Margaret 30 - keeping House - Ind
" Morgan 5 "
" Polly 3 "

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The item(s) circled below indicate the record(s) searched for the surnames of: Surber : David

in response to your request of 8-8-96.

1. Miscellaneous Card File:
Did not find _____ Found _____

(2.) Surname File:
Did not find _____ Found Surber Family File - 1975 letter regarding Joel Surber & Perry Woodall Surber - 3pp

(3.) Vigo County, Indiana, Index of Names of Persons and of Firms (in the county histories)
Did not find David Found Surber - Mary (Stevens) - Oakey p 639 + William - Oakey p 639

(4.) Vigo County, Indiana, Marriage Licenses from 1818 to 1850:
Did not find David Found Henry Surber + Vianna Wease 5 Nov 1846

(5.) W.P.A. Index to Marriage Record, Vigo County, 1840-1920:
Did not find _____ Found Only David Surber married an Ann Christopher 31 March 1877
Other Surbers listed

(6.) W.P.A. Index to Death Record, Vigo County, 1882-1920:
Did not find David Found _____

(7.) Cemetery Records of Vigo County, Including All Born Prior to 1830 That Lived to Maturity:
Did not find Surber Found _____

(8.) Cemeteries, Vigo County, Indiana (4 vols.):
Did not find Surber Found Mary Suber 1874-1930 Shepherd Cemetery

(9.) Woodlawn Cemetery, Terre Haute, Vigo County IN, Index of Burials Vol. 1 1839-1899 vol. 2 1900-March 1983:
Did not find David Found Infant of Jack Surber

(10.) Census Index for the year 1850, 1840:
Did not find _____ Found Surber, Felitta - Vigo Co. p 160
No other Surbers in Vigo Co.
1840 - Surber, Jacob - Vigo Co p 811 - only Surber in Vigo Co.

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#10 Nevins Twp. Vigo Co. Ind p638-7 Aug 1860

#1218/1180	Noah Bolinger	-	34	Carpenter - Ohio
	Delitha	"	31	KY
	John H.	"	4	Ind
	Wm F.	"	8	"

large SASE
large envelope
+ 2 stamps

Rec'd 8-12-96

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August 8, 1996

Vigo County Public Library
1 Library Square
Terre Haute, IN 47807

Attn: Special Collection Department

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed is a copy of a page from the WPA Index to Marriage Records sent to me by the Vigo County Clerk's office, showing the marriage between Noah Bolander and Delitha Surber on June 14, 1855, in Vigo Co., IN. Please send a copy of this marriage record.

I am also enclosing a SASE, as well as family group sheets for Noah and Tillitha (Delitha). Tillitha's maiden name was Martin, and Surber was her first husband's name. The County Clerk's office stated that you also have resources for searching family histories. I would appreciate your checking for anything you may have on these families.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Susan K. Hudspeth

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Enclosures

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Boland Emily R	John H Boyle					Mar	29	1895	13	281
Boland Emma E	Clemens A Roetker	Dec	21	1884	W	Aprl	18	1910	28	156
Boland Gertrude T	Joseph H Liehr	Nov	r	1892	W	Sept	15	1913	36	87
Boland James A	Hazel M Wheeler	June	14	1885	W	Nov	13	1906	21	386
Boland James V	Gertrude S Evelo	Jan	25	1890	W	Aug	7	1912	33	257
Boland Katherine M	Raymond S Davis	Aprl	10	1895	W	Nov	24	1915	41	183
Boland Maggie E	Harry O Tuller					Aprl	4	1894	13	101
Boland Mary	Charles Grove	Sept	19	1890	W	Sept	11	1918	48	511
Boland Mary C	George J Vollmuth	May	28	1884	W	Nov	20	1907	23	436
Boland Nicholas	Margaret Spooner					Dec	3	1855	1	304
Boland Peter	Emma Shull					Feb	24	1873	6	157
Boland Peter J	Nettie M Frischmann	Oct	11	1889	W1	Nov	27	1912	34	113
Boland Olive A	James Deakans					Jan	1	1871	5	384
Boland Sherman	Eliza Combs					Mar	15	1881	8	276
Boland Thomas B	Mayme Boyd	May	18	1875	W	Sept	14	1910	29	149
Bolander Noah	Delitha Surber					June	14	1855	1	238
Bolang Peter	Emma SHull					Feb	24	1873	6	157
Bolatt Minna	Louis Leibing					June	7	1881	8	317
Boldan Lou	Matt Glingman					Dec	29	1884	9	712
Bolden Frank S	Pearl E Mabray					Feb	22	1903	17	85
Bolden Martha A	George Ellinger					Jan	8	1898	14	392
Boldenhofer Sophia	Aufderhiedi Henry					Feb	28	1870	5	203
Bolderehafer Rebecca F	Kalb Sebastian								4	39
Boldenhafer Rebecca F	Kalb, Sebastian								4	39
Boldrini Attilio	Margaret Savant	Jan	24	1894	W	July	17	1920	54	162
Boldt Emma	Henry Boldt					Aug	18	1875	6	530
Boldt Henry	Emma Boldt					Aug	18	1875	6	530
Boldt Gerhardz	Wensel Smith								4	696
Boldt Minna	Louis Leibing					June	7	1881	8	317
Boleman Florence C	Frank P Haarhous	Nov	3	1888	W	Oct	7	1918	49	80
Boleman Francis E	William J Quiett	Sept	6	1885	W	Oct	19	1915	41	33
Boleman James	Amelia David					Dec	29	1881	8	435
Boleman William	Bridget Hays					Feb	11	1859	2	152
Boleman Winifred J	Albert J Sovern	Sept	15	1885	W	June	1	1909	26	243
Bolen John	Margaret Collins					Aug	19	1860	2	330
Bolen Joseph E	Emma Sharf	July	9	1860	W	July	24	1919	51	78
Bolen Josephiive	Albert R Powers	[illegible]			6	Hube	23	1873	6	198
Boles Arthur	Winnie Rukes	May	8	1882	W	Nov	29	1906	21	447
Boles George W	Caroline Shelton	Feb	14	1880	W	May	27	1918	48	78
Boles Hazel	Herman Mitchell	Feb	10	1898	W	Mar	27	1915	39	498
Boles Jane	John L Henderson	Aprl	5	1871	W	Nov	8	1911	31	467
Boles John	Chloe Lowry	Jan	19	1884	W	June	27	1919	50	495
Boles Katie John E	Montgomery					May	23	1897	14	257
Boles Margaret Jane	William Thompson					Aug	9	1865	1	255
Boles Oscar	Amanda Baker					Aug	19	1891	12	19

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Husband: Noah Bolander

Born:	December 11, 1825	in: Brown Co., Ohio
Married:	June 14, 1855	in: Vigo Co., Indiana
Died:	December 25, 1886	in: Metz, Vernon Co., Missouri
Father:	John Bolander	
Mother:	Elizabeth Fronk	
Other Spouses:		

Wife: Tillitha Cumi Martin

Born:	February 01, 1827	in: Kentucky
Died:	September 18, 1894	in: Metz, Vernon Co., Missouri
Father:	Louis Martin	
Mother:	Margaret	
Other Spouses:	David Surber, Sr.	

CHILDREN

1	Name:	John H. Bolinger	
	Born:	February 21, 1856	in: Vigo Co., Indiana
M	Married:		in:
	Died:	September 04, 1881	in: Metz, Vernon Co., Missouri
	Spouse:		
2	Name:	William Francis Bolinger	
	Born:	October 16, 1857	in: Terre Haute, Vigo Co., Indiana
M	Married:	July 03, 1895	in: Dallas, Dallas, Co., Texas
	Died:	August 21, 1936	in: Dallas, Dallas Co., Texas
	Spouse:	Gabriella Morton	
3	Name:	Sarah A. Bolinger	
	Born:	October 22, 1860	in: Indiana
F	Married:	Abt 1879	in: Missouri
	Died:	July 28, 1896	in:
	Spouses:	George Jordan, Silas L. Taylor	
4	Name:	Mary E. Bolinger	
	Born:	1861-1866	in: Indiana
F	Married:		in:
	Died:		in: Indiana
	Spouse:		
5	Name:	Emma Isetta Bolinger	
	Born:	December 31, 1867	in: Indiana
F	Married:	1890	in: Missouri
	Died:	April 13, 1926	in: Dallas, Dallas Co., Texas
	Spouse:	Charles (Charley) Owen Frakes	
6	Name:	Lewis Merrett Bolinger	
	Born:	February 06, 1872	in: Missouri
M	Married:	Abt 1893	in: Missouri
	Died:	November 15, 1956	in: Dallas, Dallas Co., Texas
	Spouses:	Mattie Tennison, Mattie Cumberland	

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Notes
At some point, Noah changed his name to Bolinger.

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Notes

Tillitha is buried at Metz, Missouri. (Source: Tillitha Martin's Family Bible)

She divorced David Surber, Sr., her first husband, before the birth of their last child, David. David, as well as their first child, Margaret, died in infancy. (Source: Tillitha Martin's Family Bible)

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Family Group Sheet August 8 1996

Husband: David Surber, Sr.

Born:		in:
Married:	January 1848	in: Indiana
Died:		in:
Father:		
Mother:		
Other Spouses:		

Wife: Tillitha Cumi Martin

Born:	February 01, 1827	in: Kentucky
Died:	September 18, 1894	in: Metz, Vernon Co., Missouri
Father:	Louis Martin	
Mother:	Margaret	
Other Spouses:	Noah Bolander	

	CHILDREN		
1	Name:	Margaret Surber	
	Born:	October 16, 1848	in: Indiana
F	Married:		in:
	Died:		in: Indiana
	Spouse:		
2	Name:	David Surber, Jr.	
	Born:	April 20, 1849	in: Indiana
M	Married:		in:
	Died:		in: Indiana
	Spouse:		
3	Name:		
	Born:		in:
	Married:		in:
	Died:		in:
	Spouse:		
4	Name:		
	Born:		in:
	Married:		in:
	Died:		in:
	Spouse:		
5	Name:		
	Born:		in:
	Married:		in:
	Died:		in:
	Spouse:		
6	Name:		
	Born:		in:
	Married:		in:
	Died:		in:
	Spouse:		

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Family Group Sheet August 8 1996

Husband: John Bolander

Born: January 11, 1791 in: Brush Valley, Berks Co., Pennsylvania
Married: January 15, 1812 in: Clermont Co., Ohio
Died: June 16, 1865 in: Marion Co., Indiana
Father: Stephen Bolander
Mother: Margrete (Peggy) Shinkle
Other Spouses:

Wife: Elizabeth Fronk

Born: 1795 in: Pennsylvannia
Died: in: Marion Co., Indiana
Father:
Mother:
Other Spouses:

CHILDREN

1 M
Name: Joseph Bolander
Born: February 17, 1820 in: Brown Co., Ohio
Married: February 10, 1845 in: Marion Co., Indiana
Died: in:
Spouse: Amanda Melvina (Amanda) Wheeler

2 M
Name: Noah Bolander
Born: December 11, 1825 in: Brown Co., Ohio
Married: June 14, 1855 in: Vigo Co., Indiana
Died: December 25, 1886 in: Metz, Vernon Co., Missouri
Spouse: Tillitha Cumi Martin

3 F
Name: Christine Bolander
Born: 1836 in: Indiana
Married: August 19, 1855 in: Marion Co., Indiana
Died: in:
Spouse: Benjamin D. Hathaway

4 F
Name: Rebecca Bolander
Born: 1841 in: Indiana
Married: August 18, 1859 in: Marion Co., Indiana
Died: in:
Spouse: Melvin L. Bell

5
Name:
Born: in:
Married: in:
Died: in:
Spouse:

6
Name:
Born: in:
Married: in:
Died: in:
Spouse:

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Bollinger Family

3-27-86
sent 1 xerox, 2 short prints, 1 long print
(45¢)

P. O. Box 214
Vallonia, IN 47281
21 March 1986

Dear Sirs,

I would like to purchase a photocopy of an obituary from a Terre Haute newspaper. Enclosed find a check for $5 dated March 27th. I hope it is enough to cover costs. I will also enclose a return envelope for your convenience.

WILLIAM R. SCOTT d. 3 May 1917.

Also, do you have a book listing the headstones of cemeteries of Vigo County? Would the book have a listing for Mrs. Mary (Bolinger) MacDonald/McDonald possibly buried at Prairieton? Also a listing for a Jefferson "Jeff" Bolinger at Prairieton?

I would appreciate help on this. If I owe more money, please let me know and I will send it.

Thanks very much.

Sincerely,

Billy

William R. Chowning

1861-1926
1862-1925
Jeff Bolinger
Vallonia

H. Com. Records of Vigo Co.
Vol. 3 pg. 21
929.3 W

Mae Bollinger + Roy MacDonald
July 6, 1915 Bk 40 p 184

Ck post-dated. Do not deposit before that date.
Thanks

Bollinger Family

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Mrs. C. T. Gabbert
Rt. 2 Box 481
Liberty MO 64068

July 8, 1981

Your letter of the 5th was handed to me today, and I regret to inform you that I was unable to locate any information on a Fred Bolinger (Bollinger).

After checking all five of the Vigo Co. histories, I could not find any listings for Bolingers in the indexes. I did find a few references in the W. P. A. Death Records of Vigo Co., 1882-1920:

Alice Bolinger died May 8, 1904 - aged 39
John " " June 8, 1901 - aged 54
Mary A. " " Mar. 25, 1905 - aged 10 mos.
Walter " " Oct. 13, 1920 - aged 10 days

We only have death records for the period of 1882-1920. After 1920 you would have to write the Vital Statistics of Vigo Co., 120 N. 7th St., Terre Haute 47807. Nor do we have birth certificates though the above address would have local births from 1882-present. I believe there's a fee for checking.

I did find Bolingers (Bollingers) in the old Terre Haute City Directories but not in the earliest ones. For example:

1890 - Benjamin Bolinger, hardware, 323 Wabash Ave. res 709 S. Center
Dennie Bolinger, Clerk, also 709 S. Center
1900 - Dennie Bolinger, Commercial traveler, res 1325 S. 7th
Kate V. (his wife)
1900 - Clyde Bollinger, blacksmith car shops, res. 2017
This one was still listed in 1920 with children such as Arthur C. Bollinger, driver.
1931 - Sarah (widow of Charles) Bolinger - 1904 N. 10th
1931 - Marion Bolinger - Clerk T. H. Trust Co. 659 Swan
I did not check after 1931.

I did not find any listings for Bolingers in Vigo Co. cemetery records though these (in several volumes) are rather incomplete.

Our genealogy file does have a 1972 news clipping concerning Ruth and Garland Bolinger, but it is not genealogical. Instead it deals with their hobbies.

We have a record (on microfilm) regarding the 88th birthday of a Mrs. Mary Bollinger, but I did not read it since I didn't

know whether you'd be interested in it.

We can make photocopies of City Directory listings, but there is a 10¢ charge per page plus postage fee. I did not check census records since you didn't get me enough definite information.

Hoping the above gives you a rather good idea of the limited information that we have on Vigo County Bolingers, I remain

Sincerely,

David N. Lewis

David N. Lewis
Special Collections Dep't.

Liberty, Mo.
July 5, 1981

Vigo Co. Public Library
Terre Haute, Ind.

Would you please check your indexes for the surname Ballinger or Balinger. Since this is such an uncommon name, I'm sure there won't be very much. The only first name I have is Fred. In early days, he believe he ran a "saloon" in Terre Haute. He married there and raised a family. I have been told they are all buried in Terre Haute.
I have enclosed a SASE for you to advise the cost.

catch file ✓
Surname file ✓
Beckwith ✓
Bradsby ✓
Casey ✓
Oakey ✓
Marriage Rec ✓
Com Rec - Markle ✓
Eddy ✓
Lansaw ✓
Death Rec ✓

Sincerely

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Special Collections Bolinger Family

Unusual Hobbies Keeping Bolinger Family

RUTH AND GARLAND BOLINGER devote many of their leisure hours to unusual hobbies. Both have full-time jobs but manage to pursue their other interests in their spare time and during vacations. Here Ruth is demonstrating egg decorating, and Garland some of the tools and finished products of jewelry. House of Photography Photo.

Biography (T.H.) JS FEB 6 1972

.By ANN TRANBARGER

"Matter cannot be created or destroyed," said Albert Einstein.

"Nothing will come from nothing," said Shakespear's King Lear.

"To live is to make something from nothing!" say Mr. and Mrs. Garland Bolinger, RR 25, Box 451, Terre Haute.

Anything new or different ("making something from nothing" as they say) is what interests this couple. Both have full-time jobs and pursue their unusual hobbies after work hours and during vacations for personal enjoyment and relaxation.

These hobbies encompass almost everything from Linde stones to llamas and from candles to unicorns.

Butch and Ruth each have certain crafts they find personally interesting, but they also share many such as gardening and animals of all kinds.

For example, Butch is an accomplished taxidermist and has mounted many of the animals he has hunted himself. A deer's head he did hangs on the wall of their den, and various other specimens can be found around the house. He says, however, that he hasn't done this for several years now.

Most of his time is now spent collecting, polishing, and cutting sem-precious stones to make jewelry. Although he modestly claims he is just a "beginner," Butch has made striking earrings, rings, and necklaces from the semi-precious stones he purchases at rock shows across the country and also from those he pans for and finds himself. He enrolled in a basic jewelry course to learn the fundamentals but has taught himself the more complicated aspects and personally designs each piece. An active member of the Wabash Valley Rock and Gem Nlub, he travels to various rock shows, state and nation-wide.

Butch is also an accomplished carpenter for he "built their camping van from scratch." He and Ruth couldn't find a camper or plans for one to suit their needs so Butch devised his own plans, ordered or made the parts and set to work.

He uses this talent in their home too, for he has panelled several walls and built both the bathroom and his workshop "from scratch." A skilled home repair man, he can always fix whatever needs fixing.

Among other pastimes, Ruth enjoys the art of egg decorating. She uses primarily wild duck or rhea bird eggs but says that all kinds are adaptable. After cutting a whole in the front center of the shell with scissors, she constructs scenes of all kinds with everything from metal figurines to shells to crinkled velvet and lace. She first derived the idea from Butch's sister but taught herself the process.

Ruth also engages in a mosaic-type work by creating animals, shapes or scenes with shells, pine cones, or similar materials. On the wall of their living room is an American Eagle she did by this method out of pine cones.

Recently she has been making candles.

An accomplished musician since the age of eight, Ruth began taking lessons again a few years ago and was able to quickly add the organ to her list of already mastered instruments, piano and trumpet. She has been a member of many former musicial organizations and was part of a string trio and an all-girl dance band in high school which played for many city functions and occasions, as well as weddings, they can play duets or singly.

Another of their common interests is animals and they have had almost as wide a variety of pets as a small zoo. Included in their menagerie have been raccoons, possums, turkeys, chickens, partridges, pheasants, chinchillas, sheep (named Pam the Lamb), and ducks. Almost a year and a half ago, a llama joined the ranks, and neighbors enjoy watching Sandy and her pony friend Snowball frisking in the pasture.

Their love of animals has exposed them to many types of experiences. For example, Butch decided to raise their golden pheasants "from scratch," so he bought and the incubator to p in and spent many wor and sleepless nights sure the temperature other conditions were

Another "unique" concerns the time Ru Butch had a flock of ducks. Upon noticing usual behavior, Ruth c county agent and expla circumstances. After ing her about their fo etc., the agent was able the problem. Apparen ducks had mash rema their bills after eatin would drop in their w they drank. The mash in the water would and thus responsible fo of woosy ducks who tipy that they couldn' stand up!

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scratch," so he bought the eggs and the incubator to put them in and spent many worried days and sleepless nights making sure the temperatures and other conditions were correct.

Another "unique" incident concerns the time Ruth and Butch had a flock of drunk ducks. Upon noticing this unusual behavior, Ruth called the county agent and explained the circumstances. After questioning her about their food, pen, etc., the agent was able to solve the problem. Apparently the ducks had mash remaining on their bills after eating which would drop in their water as they drank. The mash standing in the water would ferment and thus responsible for a flock of woosy ducks who were so tipy that they couldn't even stand up!

Whenever they get a vacation, Ruth and Butch head for their camper and nature. They really like to "rough it" for they feel that a modern home on wheels with all the modern conveniences and facilities is not camping. Generally, they camp in quiet, secluded areas where they can hunt, fish, or pan for Butch's stones.

Related to this interest in nature is their interest in gardening. Their yard is both a farm and nursery with Butch caring for the vegetables and fruits, and Ruth handling the flowers.

Butch has an extra green green thumb for he has succeeded in raising many unusual varieties and hybrids such as yellow beets, unicorns (used in making pickles), Jerusalem artichokes, and ground cherries. Many of the things he first raised are now commonly recognized varieties. Like Ruth said, "We don't realize many of our projects are unusual — until somebody tells us!"

Butch also succeeded in raising tobacco and cotton "just for fun." His talent and abilities are again demonstrated in his converting an old refrigerator into a smoker and smoking meat.